

LISTENED TO SERMON

Patients in Philadelphia Listen to Discourse Over the Telephone.

USED FIFTY RECEIVERS

Sick People Immensely Pleased With the Experiment—Could go to Church by Remaining in Bed.

Philadelphia, May 30.—Patients in their cots at the Samaritan Hospital have listened by telephone to a sermon in the Grace Baptist Temple, more than a mile away. It was the first practicable application of the telephone for this purpose. The apparatus in the temple consisted of five megaphones suspended from wires with the large ends reaching the pulpit and preachers. The small ends were closed and connected in the ordinary transmitters. The wires ran to the hospital and were there branched into 50 telephone receivers, one for each patient and nurse. So pleased were the sick persons of the experiment that it was decided to make the innovation a permanent affair.

DEATH RATE IN CHICAGO.

Month of May Was Lowest in History of the City.

Chicago, May 30.—The lowest May death rate record in Chicago is reported in the weekly bulletin of the health department. The bulletin says: "Unless some unforeseen calamity should occur within the next three days the month of May, 1904, will pass into Chicago's history with the lowest May mortality on record. During the 28 days that have elapsed there has been a total of 1990 deaths, furnishing an annual death rate of 13.44 to 100 population. The average rate of the previous decade was 15.63, so that the closing month's record will be 14 per cent lower than the average and nearly 2 per cent lower than the previous lowest—that of 1901 when it was 13.75."

TRIED TO AMPUTATE FOOT.

Crazed by Rheumatism, Chicago Man Begins Operation.

Chicago, May 30.—Crazed by rheumatism, Gustav Roiburg, 72 years of age, has endeavored to amputate his left foot to relieve himself of pain. As the old man sat on the floor in his home and began his operation, his wife, who is helpless from paralysis, looked on from her chair within a few feet of him. Her screams attracted two policemen who rushed into the house and took the knife from Roiburg. He had severed an artery and by the time he arrived at the county hospital was so weak it is thought he cannot survive.

MAIL ORDER SWINDLE.

Money Pouring Into New York Post-office Has to Be Returned.

New York, May 30.—Money orders from all over the country aggregating thus far \$30,000 are pouring into the general postoffice for a concern known as the Eastern Trade Company. Mail thus addressed was ordered held up a month ago by the postoffice officials because, it is alleged, of a circular which fell into the hands of a mail

clerk informing him he had won a prize of some sort for which, to his knowledge, he had never competed. Advertising in the local postoffices throughout the country has failed to check the stream of money orders and they are being returned to the senders as fast as possible. One clerk is kept busy remailing the letters at the rate of 1000 a day.

PAINTERS HAVE STRUCK.

Refused to Put on the Colors Owner Picked Out.

New York, May 30.—Painters employed by a Paterson, N. J., contractor to decorate the exterior of a wealthy silk manufacturer's house at Aetna have struck because the color scheme chosen by the owner of the house did not suit them. The silk manufacturer ordered the building dressed in white with green shutters. This paint had been laid on he told them not to make the trimmings a bright yellow. They remonstrated, but to no avail. The men asserted that such a combination would ruin their employer's business and declared a strike. It is said the union will support their action.

POLITE ACT COST LIFE.

Boy Dies in Attempt to Regain Hat of Lady Passenger.

New York, May 30.—An attempt to do a polite act has cost Joseph Delco his life. He was a lad of 15 returning on a street car from an amateur ball game. A gust of wind blew off the hat of a lady passenger on the car. Delco leaned from his seat and attempted to catch up the hat. A car coming from the opposite direction struck his head and he fell back dead into the arms of his comrades.

REACHED AN AGREEMENT.

Settlement of Acre Controversy Will Occur at Early Date.

New York, May 30.—Baron Rio Branco and Senor Velard, the Peruvian minister, have practically reached an agreement for the settlement of the Acre controversy, according to the Herald correspondent at Rio Janeiro, but the dispatch adds, the basis of the arrangement has not been made public. It is reported in Rio Janeiro that the Peruvians have repulsed the Brazilians near the frontier, but a high official declared that the report is untrue.

NEWS FROM LIAO YANG.

Operations of Troops in That Vicinity Important.

Liao Yang, Sunday, May 29.—Lieutenant Colonel Shirdoneff of the Fourth Trans-Amur railway battalion, has repaired the railway north of Kin Chow between the stations at Sininchen and Vanzalin and tomorrow will complete the work between Bfangoy and Wafandin. The Chinese are readily offering themselves for employment. A typhoon prevails which hinders the Japanese landing operations and heavy rains are spoiling the roads. The Russians, it is reported, have captured a Japanese convoy. New York, May 30.—Charles Henry Booth of Englewood, N. J., who was considered the oldest life insurance policyholder in the world, is dead. He was born in Stamford, Conn., and celebrated his hundredth birthday last September. He took out his policy in February, 1842.

Assassination Attempted

Philadelphia Rector Attacked by Men Who Are Supposed to Be Anarchists.

Philadelphia, May 30.—An attack supposed to have been instigated by anarchists has been made upon the Rev. Antonio Isoeri, rector of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene di Pazzi. During a pagan in honor of the church's patron saint a band of men rushed to the priest's carriage, the leader leveling a revolver. He and three others were captured. By the police the rest were driven off. The district was for a time wild with excitement and the crowd threatened vengeance on the prisoners. The priest had been warned by anonymous letters. The cause for the attack is not known. These letters were communicated to the police who were on hand and frustrated the attackers.

PRICE WAR IN OIL.

Interests in English Market Cause a Fight to the Finish.

New York, May 30.—A price war is being waged between the oil interests in the English market, according to a Herald dispatch from London. Within the last ten days the price of petroleum has fallen in the case of the London retailer from 3 3/8 a gallon to prices varying from 2 1/2 to 2 7/8 a gallon. The retailer has conceded nothing to the general public up to the present. The latest and most drastic cut in price has been made by the company controlled by American capitalists. It meets one made by the Shell Company which seeks to maintain intercontrol. The two companies are old rivals for the oil trade of Europe, and both having substantial capital in reserve, a vigorous contest is expected, involving several other companies eventually.

PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Convicts Use Peculiar Ruse to Get Away From Jail.

Ogden, Utah, May 30.—William Moore and John Kain, two ex-convicts confined in the county jail here on charges of burglary have escaped. The men in some way got out of their cells into the corridor and while the guard's attention was called by a request for a match from another prisoner, the two slipped quietly to the outside and have not been seen since. Moore arranged a "dummy" in the shape of some bed clothes rolled up and placed in his cell. Upon noticing these the deputy sheriff hurried to the outside of the corridor but the prisoners had preceded him by a few minutes and had made good their escape.

SENT A LETTER.

Remarkable Action of German Emperor in Regard to War.

Berlin, May 30.—The Astor, the organ of the German Asiatic Society, says Emperor William has sent to General Kuropatkin through Major Runkel, who went to Manchuria as German military attache with the Russian army, a long autograph letter. High military officials here remark upon the unusually lively interest the emperor takes in military events in the Far East. His majesty has the general staff send him twice daily reports regarding the situation there. These reports are accompanied by maps and plans of military operations.

Republican Ticket.

For Congressman, J. N. WILLIAMSON, Of Crook County.

STATE. For Justice of the Supreme Court, FRANK A. MOORE, Of Columbia County. For Dairy and Food Commissioner, J. W. BAILEY, Of Multnomah County.

DISTRICT. For Circuit Judge, THOMAS A. M'BRIDE, Of Columbia County. For District Attorney, HARRISON ALLEN, Of Clatsop County.

COUNTY. For Representatives, C. F. LESTER, C. G. PALMBERG. For County Commissioner, WILLIAM LARSON.

For Sheriff, THOMAS LINVILLE.

For Treasurer, CHARLES A. HEILBORN.

For Assessor, T. S. CORNELIUS.

For School Superintendent, H. S. LYMAN. For Surveyor, R. C. F. ASTBURY.

For Coroner, W. C. A. POHL.

PRECINCT. For Justice of the Peace, P. J. GOODMAN.

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Mrs. Garfield Ill. Chicago, May 29.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Los Angeles, Cal., says Owing to ill health, Mrs. James A. Garfield, widow of the late president, has been removed from her home in Pasadena to Carpentaria for rest. Mrs. Garfield is accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Brown. Her illness is not serious.

Grand Duke Dead. Berlin, May 29.—The death is announced of Grand Duke Frederick Wilhelm of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. The grand duke was born October 17, 1819.

Who Owns the Railways? (From "Success.") It is estimated that only about eight million dollars, which is approximately five per cent of the annual income of our railways, goes to foreign investors. There are not far from one million owners of railway stocks and bonds. Of the remaining ninety five per cent, 1,684,447,408, forty per cent, is divided among the owners of the stocks and bonds, and sixty per cent, among 1,189,315 employees. Counting the families supported by the holders of securities and employees, over ten million people share in the railroad earnings.

Identification of Thumb-Prints. The finger print method of identification seems to be coming to the front. It has long been used as an adjunct to the bertillon system of measurement, and now we are told that in England it is superseding that system, being regarded as both simpler and surer. The trouble with any measurement system is that the measurement of the same man taken by different persons or at different ages will differ slightly, and so the identification may fail. Finger prints on the other hand, tell their own story and are subject to no "personal equation," while their system of ridges and whorls remain the same from in-

fancy to manhood. In a recent European case reported in a French paper, a murderer was detected through the agency of a thumb print on the rail of a broken sash,—a slight mark that it was scarcely visible,—but photography enabled it to be studied sufficiently for identification.—June "Success."

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7:00 p.m.	Way Points	9:00 p.m.

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7:45 a.m.	For Portland and Way Points	11:30 a.m.
6:10 p.m.		10:30 p.m.

SEASIDE DIVISION		
8:15 a.m.	Astoria for Warrenton, Flavel, Stevens, Hammond and Seaside	7:40 a.m.
11:35 a.m.		4:00 p.m.
5:50 p.m.		10:45 a.m.

6:15 a.m.	Seaside for Warrenton, Flavel, Hammond, Stevens & Astoria	12:50 p.m.
8:30 a.m.		7:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m.		9:35 a.m.

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